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SUBJECT: SOVIET-ISRAELI COMMUNIST PARTY TALKS IN MOSCOW

SUMMARY: APRIL 12-13 MEETING AT CC CPSU BETWEEN OFFICIALS
OF SOVIET AND ISRAELI COMMUNIST PARTIES SEEMS ROUTINE, BUT
DOES SERVE TO HIGHLIGHT SOVIET CONCERN OVER ISRAELI INVAS-
ION OF LEBANON. VISIT FOLLOWS MARCH 30 CC CPSU MEETING
WITH LEBANESE CP OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 14 PRAVDA CARRIES UNATTRIBUTED COMMUNIQUE-LIKE
REPORT OF APRIL 12-13 MEETING AT CC CPSU BETWEEN ISRAELI
CP DEL LED BY PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL WILNER AND SOVIET
SIDE LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER AND PARTY IDEOLOGUE M.A.
SUSLOV.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT, TWO SIDES:

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-- SAID DEVELOPMENT OF M.E. EVENTS WERE ACQUIRING A "DANG-
EROUS CHARACTER."

-- CONDEMNED ISRAELI INVASION OF LEBANON AND EM-
PHASIZED NECESSITY OF "COMPLETE, IMMEDIATE, AND UNCONDIT-
IONAL" ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

-- STATED THAT COMPREHENSIVE ME PEACE SETTLEMENT COULD BE
ACHIEVED ONLY UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A) WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ARAB TERRITORIES
OCCUPIED "SINCE 1967";

B) RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS;

C) INSURING - BY APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FIXED
IN CORRESPONDING INTERNATIONAL-LEGAL DOCU-
MENTS - INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE AND SECURITY OF ALL STATES OF
REGION.

-- HELD THAT SEPARATE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TALKS - CARRIED OUT
WITH U.S. SUPPORT - ARE CAUSING HARM TO PROCESS OF PEACE
EFFORTS.

-- DECLARED NECESSITY OF RENEWING WORK OF GENEVA CONFERENCE
WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED SIDES, INCLUDING PLO.

3. IN ADDITION TO SUSLOV AND WILNER, THE FOLLOWING INDI-
VIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN THE TALKS:

SOVIET SIDE:

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-- B.N. PONOMAREV, CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER AND CHIEF OF CC CPSU
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPT.

-- I.V. KAPITONOV, SECRETARY, CC CPSU (RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL WORK).

-- V.V. ZAGLADIN, CANDIDATE MEMBER, CC CPSU AND FIRST
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPT.

ISRAELI SIDE: (ALL PHONETIC)

-- E. HABIBI, MEMBER POLITBURO

-- D. KHENINA, SECRETARY, CC CPI

-- R. LYUBICH, MEMBER POLITBURO

-- J. MUSY, SECRETARY, CC CPI

4. COMMENT: TALKS ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE PRIMARILY BECAUSE
THEY COINCIDE WITH DRAMATIC EVENTS IN LEBANON AND BECAUSE
THEY HAVE INVOLVED HIGH LEVEL PARTY FUNCTIONARIES ON BOTH

SIDES. THIS VISIT IS UNDOUBTEDLY CONNECTED WITH THE MARCH 30 MEETING AT THE CC CPSU BETWEEN A DELEGATION FROM THE LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY LED BY SECRETARY-GENERAL NICOLA SHAWI AND THE SOVIET SIDE LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER A.P. KIRILENKO. IN CONTRAST TO THE APRIL 12-13 MEETING WITH THE ISRAELIS THE MARCH 30 MEETING WITH THE LEBANESE WAS ATTENDED BY FIRST DEPUTY FONMIN G.M. KORNIYENKO.

5. WE NOTE ALSO THAT THE SOVIETS REITERATED FOR THE SECOND TIME RECENTLY THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE (THEY HAD DONE SO IN THE SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE OF APRIL 7).

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